

NEWS from the Shelby County Mayor's Office

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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OFFICE OF SHELBY COUNTY MAYOR LEE HARRIS TO CANVASS LATINX COMMUNITY TO TAKE ON VACCINE HESITANCY

Volunteers to distribute translated "Get the Facts, Trust the Vax" vaccine information directly to Latinx community

Shelby County, TN – On Saturday, July 17th, the Office of Mayor Lee Harris will kick off the next literature drop, this time targeting the 38128 ZIP code in Berclair. Mayor Harris' team will deliver materials translated into Spanish directly on the doorsteps of Latinx residents in the continued effort to combat vaccine hesitancy. Volunteers will meet at La Pulga (Memphis International Flea Market) at 4140 Jackson Ave., and canvass the surrounding community to distribute information about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Volunteers include Shelby County Health Department staff, members of the COVID-19 Community Council, and nonprofit organization Memphis For All. They plan to stop at several hundred households for the "Get the Facts, Trust the Vax" campaign and will distribute Spanish language brochures that answer frequently asked questions about the vaccine's development, its safety, and where to find nearby vaccine dispensing sites.

Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris: "One of the most important things each of us can do is make the case to our neighbors about the importance of vaccination. This program is part of our ongoing 'Get the Facts, Trust the Vax' efforts to dispel misinformation about the COVID-19 vaccine, ease vaccine hesitancy, and urge residents to consider vaccination. We hope that translated materials delivered directly to the doorsteps of Latinx residents will encourage our neighbors to plan to get vaccinated and have the talk with loved ones to do the same.

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WHAT: "Get the Facts, Trust the Vax" COVID-19 Vaccine Information Distribution

WHO: Office of Mayor Lee Harris, Shelby County Health Department, Memphis For All,

COVID-19 Community Council

WHEN: 12-2pm Saturday, July 17th, 2021, **Media should plan to be on site at 12:15**WHERE: La Pulga (Memphis International Flea Market) 4140 Jackson Ave. 38128

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